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Controller Chiang Launches New Public Pay Website, Releases Community College Compensation

Major upgrade from the site's 2010 version

SACRAMENTO - Today State Controller John Chiang launched a completely redesigned website showing wage and benefit data for public employees across California. The renamed site – publicpay.ca.gov – offers maps, search functions and custom report-building tools. It also includes the latest compensation data available, and allows users to download raw data for their own research.

"Real accountability begins with empowering the public with easy access to the budgeting and payroll decisions of our civic leaders," said Chiang. "Through innovation, California can strike a blow against abusive compensation practices that thrive on poor transparency.

"This site is completely data-driven, and allows users to dive right into the numbers they want. But it does remain a work in progress, and my office will continue to improve and expand this public pay project," said Chiang, who launched the original site in 2010 site after ordering cities and counties to report payroll data to the State.

The Controller also has posted updated compensation data for employees of the State of California and the California State University System. Today's launch includes a new set of numbers: wage and benefit data of community college employees that were voluntarily submitted by community college districts. Working with the Office of the Chancellor of Community Colleges, the Controller was able to obtain data from 69 of the 72 districts throughout California.

"I would like to thank former Chancellor Jack Scott, and his successor Dr. Brice Harris, for their commitment to this transparency project," said Chiang.

The three community college districts that did not submit payroll data are the Cerritos, Chabot-Las Positas and Glendale Community College districts.

Those visiting publicpay.ca.gov can now:

- View compensation levels on map graphics, and search for compensation by region
- Develop charts, trend-line and trend graphs
- Quickly see lists of top earners at the cities, counties, and other local governments

- Generate side-by-side comparisons of local government payrolls
- Create local agency summaries
- Export custom reports or raw data from the site

A series of [video tutorials](#) also are available to guide users through the new site's interface. The site currently includes compensation data for 1.5 million positions at cities, counties, higher education institutions, special districts and state departments.

Since the site's launch in 2010, it has registered nearly 6 million page views online.

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